



REMARKS

The allowability of claims 3 - 5, 8 and 9 in independent form with informalities corrected is acknowledged appreciatively and accepted.

Nevertheless, claim 1 is limited by Jepson form to humidification of intake air, which is not disclosed in the Hsu patent of the rejection for anticipation under 35 USC 102. Therefore, the rejection is traversed.

The rejection should not be converted into one under 35 USC 103 for obviousness from the Hsu patent, because it relates to fuel injectors for delivering coal-water slurry fuel to diesel engines, which does not suggest humidification. For example, the system of the cited reference works according to engine cycles or crankshaft rotations at pressures that are very high (9,000 to 10,000 psi, i.e., 620 to 690 bar) with replenishment water forced into the injector under a pressure that approaches 1,500 to 2,000 psi (i.e., 103 to 137 bar).

Replacement Sheets of Drawing and an Abstract are attached.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE DRAWINGS



An Annotated Sheet shows changes deleting reference characters as required in the Action and shown in the Replacement Sheet also attached.

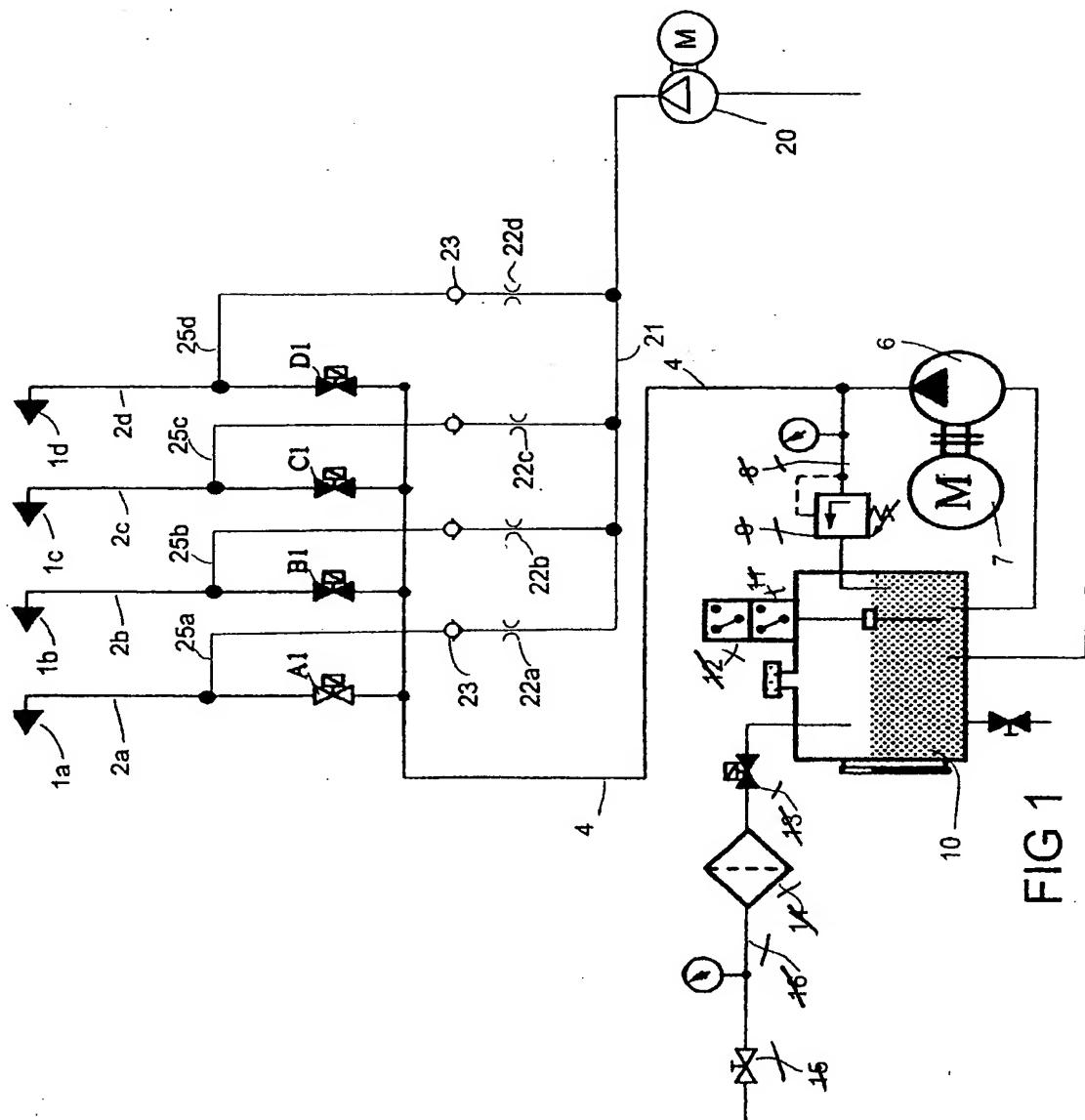


FIG 1